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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1761
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Appln. No.: 09/449,093)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: November 24, 1999)	Confirmation No.
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For: NATURAL COLORING PRODUCTS)	February 12, 2002

PETITION FOR SUSPENSION FOR CAUSE
UNDER 37 CFR 1.103(a)Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request, under 37 CFR 1.103(a), the Office to grant Suspension in this application for a term of six months, for good and sufficient cause for the reasons set forth below.

There were many rejections in the last Office Action of June 26, 2001, which ran 15 pages of text, involving rejections under \$112, first and second paragraphs, \$102 and \$103, the prior art rejections involving ten citations.

A lengthy interview was held on September 5, 2001, at which time substantial progress was made. However, to help resolve all issues, Applicants offered to submit a Rule 132 Declaration.

Applicants subsequently filed a timely and responsive Reply on December 26, 2001, to the Office Action, but the

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Declaration was not yet ready for filing at the time the Reply was filed.

The Declaration has still not been completed, but is expected to be completed shortly.

Accordingly, suspension is needed in order to provide Applicants with additional time in which to complete the Declaration and submit same so that the Examiner will then have before him both the responsive Reply (previously filed) and additional supporting evidence in the form of the Declaration.

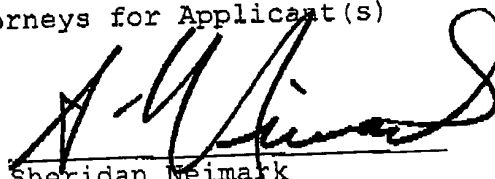
Although Applicants have requested a six months' suspension, Applicants are hopeful that the Declaration can be completed in a far shorter period, so that the full six months' suspension will not be needed.

Please charge the required fee in the amount of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h), to our deposit account 02-4035.

Respectfully submitted,

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